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SUBJECT: CENTURION TANKS

REF: THE HAGUE 351

1. DEFENSE WOULD LIKE TO DETERMINE IF GON AMENABLE (1) TO DECLARING UP TO 175 CENTURIONS EXCESS AND, IF SO, (2) TO THE DIRECT SHIPMENT OF THE TANKS AS IS TO ISRAEL VIA USG BILL OF LADING ON U.S. BOTTOMS.

2. SALE OF EXCESS CENTURIONS COULD PROVIDE RELIEF FOR CRITICAL DOD ASSETS AND/OR PRODUCTION LINE ALREADY AT PEAK CAPACITY. ISRAEL ADVISES DOD THAT GOI AMBASSADOR IN THE HAGUE HAS INFORMALLY BROACHED SUBJECT WITH MOD OFFICIALS WHO INDICATED A NUMBER OF CENTURIONS COULD BE RELEASED AS EXCESS FOR U.S. REDISTRIBUTION TO ISRAEL.

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3. WITHOUT APPROACHING THE GON WE WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR JUDGMENT REGARDING ANY PROBLEMS YOU WOULD FORESEE IF WE
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WERE TO APPROACH THE DUTCH ALONG LINES PARA 1. YOUR RESPONSE WOULD ASSIST IN DETERMINING OUR REACTION TO THE DEFENSE PROPOSAL. KISSINGER

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